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Proposed Interim Enforcement Policy for  
Pilot Program on the Use of Alternative  
Dispute Resolution in the Enforcement  
Program Request for Comments  
(69FR21166)

Gentlemen:

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) - COMMENTS ON PROPOSED  
INTERIM ENFORCEMENT POLICY FOR PILOT PROGRAM ON THE USE OF  
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN THE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM  
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TVA appreciates the opportunity to comment regarding the implementation of a pilot program on the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in cases involving discrimination or other wrongdoing. TVA fully supports the Commission's decision to implement this pilot program.

TVA believes that an effective ADR program as a component of the NRC's enforcement process should yield many benefits. It will provide (1) a less adversarial process for resolving the issues in dispute, (2) promote greater communication and cooperation among the parties and lead to quicker and better accepted results, (3) shorten the time to resolve issues, and (4) minimize the need for a large commitment of licensee and staff resources, while achieving more effective corrective action. In summary, through an ADR process the parties may be able to more quickly put the dispute behind them and return to productively carrying out their respective professional responsibilities.

TVA also support the comments provided by the Nuclear Energy Institute.

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